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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ECAC PROPOSALS ON SECURITY

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1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ECAC WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY FORMED LATE LAST YEAR (REFTEL) HAS MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS AND HAS REACHED AGREEMENT ON FAR-REACHING PROPOSALS. THESE INCLUDE PRE-SCREENING OF PASSENGERS AND CARRY-ON LUGGAGE FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED FLIGHTS; SELECTIVE PRE-SCREENING OF INTERNATIONAL CHARTER FLIGHTS; AND RECOMMENDATION THAT PRE-SCREENING ALSO BE THE RULE FOR ALL DOMESTIC SCHEDULED FLIGHTS IN ECAC MEMBER STATES. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO PERMITTING ADOPTION OF ABOVE PROPOSALS BY DGCA'S AT THEIR NOVEMBER MEETING UNDER ACCELERATED PROCEDURE WHEREBY PROPOSALS WILL IMMEDIATELY HAVE FORCE OF FORMAL ECAC RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT NECESSITY RATIFICATION AT NEXT INTERMEDIATE SESSION OF ECAC.

2. COMMENT: NEW FAA REGULATIONS REQUIRING APPLICATION BY FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS IS SECURITY

MEASURES AS STRINGENT AS OUR OWN FOR FLIGHTS OPERATED TO US PROBABLY SERVED AS IMPETUS TO ECAC WORKING GROUP. HOWEVER, SEVERAL ECAC MEMBERS HAVE LONG BEEN CONCERNED OVER LAX SECURITY IN OTHER MEMBER STATES, WHICH JEOPARDIZED THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO POLICE STERILE CONCOURSES USED BY TRANSIT AS WELL AS LOCALLY BOARDING PASSENGERS. THE ECAC MEASURES, IF ADOPTED AS NOW PROPOSED, WILL FAR EXCEED IN SCOPE THE BARE MINIMUM THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH NEW FAA REGULATIONS FOR SERVICE TO US. WHILE ECAC RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT FORMALLY BINDING ON THE MEMBER STATES IN THE SENSE THAT AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WOULD BE, APPROVAL BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES OBVIOUSLY COMMITS THE STATE AT LEAST MORALLY TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED. AND WE SUSPECT THAT THERE WILL BE STRONG APPEALS TO ECAC SOLIDARITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE BROADEST POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF THE MEASURES IN ECAC TERRITORY.

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